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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

RE: EL18-007 - IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY LOOKOUT SOLAR PARK I PROJECT REGARDING ITS NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT FOR AN ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing, please find Staff's Exhibits 1 and 2. The Applicant, Lookout Solar Park, LLC, is being served with the same by electronic copy of this correspondence. Staff Exhibit 1 is a map detailing the project area, showing communities and school districts within a 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 mile radius of the solar facility location. Staff Exhibit 2 is a description of the potential affected area, with Staff's recommended distance designated in the shaded column.

In arriving at the five-mile recommendation, Staff considered the potential impacts the facility would have, as well as the likelihood surrounding communities will be affected by the factors listed in SDCL 49-41B-7.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kristen N. Edwards Staff Attorney

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